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Harry C. Merritt, as inventor, declares that my name, residence, Post Office address, and citizenship are:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "FLY CASTING TRAINING DEVICE", the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 (a).

POWER OF ATTORNEY:

As the named inventor I hereby appoint the following Attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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This the 12 day of April, 2001.


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant wishes to call to the attention of the examiner the following references:

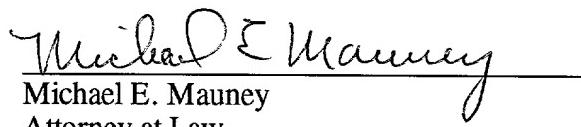
<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PATENT #</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
United States	5,678,351	Halterman, Jr.	01-02-96
United States	5,297,355	O'Brien	05-05-93
United States	5,129,650	Hayman	06-18-91
United States	4,794,905	Woolard	05-21-87
United States	4,598,911	Lepera	07-16-84
United States	4,364,371	Woolard	01-05-81
United States	3,897,068	Staples	08-16-74
United States	3,841,292	Hoffman	01-31-72
United States	3,797,472	Knisely, Jr.	02-07-72
United States	2,902,023	Waller	05-09-58
United States	2,705,148	Waller	07-25-52
United States	1,168,808	Von Hoffmann	11-02-10

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with the Form, PTO 1449. The O'Brien reference, U. S. Patent #5,297,355, the Halterman, Jr. reference, U. S. Patent #5,678,351, the Hayman reference, U. S. Patent #5,129,650, the Woolard reference, U. S. Patent #4,794,905, the Woolard reference, U. S. Patent #4,364,371, and the Staples reference, U. S. Patent #3,897,068 are discussed at page 5 of the Patent Disclosure. The additional references are considered to be cumulative or of less relevance to the application than the references discussed in the application.

The Applicant respectfully submits the above references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing to this application is respectfully requested.

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